

ACTION: Program announcement No. OWBO-95-007, as amended by OWBO-98-011.

SUMMARY: The Small Business Administration (SBA) plans to issue program announcement No. OWBO-95-007, as amended by OWBO-98-011, to invite applications of private, not-for-profit organizations to conduct Women's Business Center projects in the Mid-Delta Region of Mississippi. The authorizing legislation is the Small Business Act, Section 29, 15 U.S.C., Section 656, as amended by Pub. L. 105-277, 111 Stat. 2592. SBA Headquarters must receive applications/proposals by May 31, 1999. SBA will select successful applicants competitively. The successful applicant(s) will receive an award to provide long-term training, counseling and technical assistance to women who want to start or expand businesses. The women's business center project of the successful applicant(s) will replace a previous project in the 4th year and complete the 5th year of the previous project's 5-year term. Service and assistance areas must include financial, management, marketing and government procurement/certification assistance. The applicant must also target women who are socially and economically disadvantaged. The applicant must plan to provide services locally and on the Internet via the SBA-funded Online Women's Business Center, www.onlinewbc.org.

The applicant must submit a two-year plan that describes proposed fund-raising, training and technical assistance activities. A twelve-month award will be issued for each project year, without re-competition. Award recipients must provide non-Federal matching funds as follows: one non-Federal dollar for each Federal dollar for both project years. Up to one-half of the non-Federal matching funds may be in the form of in-kind contributions.

DATES: SBA will mail program announcements to interested parties immediately, upon request. The opening date will be May 3, 1999 and the closing date will be May 31, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sally Murrell, (202) 205-6673 or Mina Wales (202) 205-6621.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Advisory Committee on International Communications and Information Policy Meeting Notice

The Department of State is holding the next meeting of its Advisory Committee on International Communications and Information Policy. The Committee provides a formal channel for regular consultation and coordination on major economic, social and legal issues and problems in international communications and information policy, especially as these issues and problems involve users of information and communication services, providers of such services, technology research and development, foreign industrial and regulatory policy, the activities of international organizations with regard to communications and information, and developing country interests.

The purpose of this quarterly meeting will be for the members to look at the substantive issues on which the committee should focus, as well as specific countries and regions of interest to the committee.

This meeting will be held on Thursday, May 20, 1999, from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Room 1105 of the Main Building of the U.S. Department of State, located at 2201 "C" Street, NW, Washington, DC 20520. Members of the public may attend these meetings up to the seating capacity of the room. While the meeting is open to the public, admittance to the State Department Building is only by means of a pre-arranged clearance list. In order to be placed on the pre-clearance list, please provide your name, title, company, social security number, date of birth, and citizenship to Shirlett Thornton at (202) 647-8345 or by fax at (202) 647-0158. All attendees must use the "C" Street entrance. One of the following valid ID's will be required for admittance: any U.S. driver's license with photo, a passport, or a U.S. Government agency ID.

For further information, contact Timothy C. Finton, Executive Secretary of the Committee, at (202) 647-5385 or tfintontc@state.gov.

Dated: April 19, 1999.

Timothy C. Finton,

Executive Secretary.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Generalized System of Preferences (GSP); Deadline for Submission of Petitions for the 1999 Annual GSP Product and Country Eligibility Practices Review

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of the 1999 Annual GSP Product and Country Eligibility Practices Review.

SUMMARY: The deadline for the submission of petitions for the 1999 Annual GSP Product and Country Eligibility Practices Review is 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 16, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: GSP Subcommittee, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW, Room 518, Washington, DC 20508. The telephone number is (202) 395-6971.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Announcement of 1999 Annual GSP Product and Country Eligibility Practices Review

The GSP regulations (15 CFR Part 2007) provide the schedule of dates for conducting an annual review unless otherwise specified by a **Federal Register** notice. Notice is hereby given that, in order to be considered in the 1999 Annual GSP Product and Country Eligibility Practices Review, all petitions to modify the list of articles eligible for duty-free treatment under GSP or to review the GSP status of any beneficiary developing country must be received by the GSP Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee no later than 5 p.m., Wednesday, June 16, 1999. Petitions submitted after the deadline will not be considered for review and will be returned to the petitioner.

The GSP provides for the duty-free importation of designated articles when imported from designated beneficiary developing countries. The GSP is authorized by title V of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2461 *et seq.*), as amended (the "Trade Act"), and is implemented in accordance with Executive Order 11888 of November 24, 1975, as modified by subsequent Executive Orders and Presidential Proclamations. Section 505 of the Trade Act states that duty-free treatment provided under the GSP shall not remain in effect after June 30, 1999. If the program expires without reauthorization on that date, the 1999 Annual GSP review will be conducted according to a schedule to be issued in the **Federal Register** if and when the